

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A method for tax form submittal verification comprising:
- maintaining an electronically stored profile for a user in a customer database, wherein the profile identifies an expected tax form the user is expected to file, and wherein the customer database is in communication with a ~~taxpayer~~ tax service server via a network;
  - maintaining an electronic inbox for the user;
  - generating correspondence at the tax service server, wherein the
    - correspondence includes a reminder that the user file a tax form;
  - sending the correspondence to the electronic inbox of the user, and sending the
    - user a separate notification that the electronic inbox includes the
    - correspondence via the network;
  - ~~prompting the user, on a client computer, for additional tax-related data, wherein~~
    - ~~the additional tax-related data is not included in the profile, and wherein~~
    - ~~the additional tax-related data is required for completing the expected tax~~
    - ~~form;~~
  - receiving on the ~~taxpayer~~ tax service server ~~[[the]]~~ additional tax-related data
  - from the user, wherein the additional tax-related data is not included in the

profile, and wherein the additional tax-related data is required for  
completing the expected tax form;

electronically completing a selected tax form, wherein completing the selected  
tax form includes automatically filling out the selected tax form based on  
the profile and the additional tax-related data;

filing the completed selected tax form with a government entity, wherein the  
completed selected tax form is electronically transmitted from the ~~taxpayer~~  
tax service server to the government entity across the network to be a filed  
tax form;

electronically storing a receipt record of the filed tax form in a ~~government~~  
database ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the ~~government entity~~ tax service  
server substantially immediately upon completed transmittal of the tax  
form, wherein the receipt record represents an indication that the filed tax  
form has been submitted and includes information regarding the status of  
the filed tax form and wherein the receipt record is distinct from the filed  
tax form; and

sending the receipt record of the filed tax form to the electronic inbox of the user  
~~across the network from the government entity to the client computer; and~~  
~~displaying the receipt record of the filed tax form to the user immediately after the~~  
~~tax form has been submitted, thereby providing the user with the status of~~  
~~the tax form transmission to the government entity.~~

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising receiving a  
tax payment of the user by the government entity utilizing the network.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising storing a receipt record of the tax payment in the database in communication with ~~[[of]]~~ the ~~government entity~~ tax service server, wherein the record represents an indication that the payment has been submitted.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising receiving from the user a request for the receipt record of the tax payment utilizing the network.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[22]]~~ 19, further comprising ~~sending the receipt record of the tax payment to~~ permitting the user ~~utilizing the network to~~ access the electronic inbox upon the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

24. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the filing of the completed selected tax form ~~across~~ with the government entity utilizing a network includes the Internet.

25. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of formatting the receipt record for being printed by the user.

26. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of sending a notification relating to the receipt record to a mail server of the user utilizing the network.

27. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~[[19]]~~ 23, wherein the authenticating an identity of the user includes validating a digital certificate and storing the digital certificate on a computer of the user.

28. (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for tax form submittal verification comprising:

a code segment that maintains an electronically stored profile for a user in a customer database, wherein the profile identifies an expected tax form the user is expected to file, and wherein the customer database is in communication with a taxpayer tax service server via a network;

a code segment that maintains an electronic inbox for the user;

a code segment that generates correspondence at the tax service server,

wherein the correspondence includes a reminder that the user file a tax form;

a code segment that sends the correspondence to the electronic inbox of the user, and sends the user a separate notification that the electronic inbox includes the correspondence via the network;

~~a code segment that prompts the user, on a client computer, for additional tax-related data, wherein the additional tax-related data is not included in the profile, and wherein the additional tax-related data is required for completing the expected tax form;~~

a code segment that receives on the taxpayer tax service server ~~[[the]]~~ additional tax-related data from the user, wherein the additional tax-related data is not included in the profile, and wherein the additional tax-related data is required for completing the expected tax form;

a code segment that electronically completes a selected tax form, including  
automatically filling out the selected tax form based on the profile and the  
additional tax-related data;

a code segment that files the completed selected tax form with a government  
entity, wherein the completed selected tax form is electronically  
transmitted from the taxpayer tax service server to the government entity  
across the network to be a filed tax form;

a code segment that electronically stores a receipt record of the filed tax form in  
a government database ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the government entity  
tax service server substantially immediately upon completed transmittal of  
the tax form, wherein the receipt record represents an indication that the  
filed tax form has been submitted and includes information regarding the  
filed tax form and wherein the receipt record is distinct from the filed tax  
form; and

a code segment that sends the receipt record of the filed tax form to the  
electronic inbox of the user ~~across the network from the government entity~~  
~~to the client computer; and~~

~~a code segment that displays the receipt record of the filed tax form to the user~~  
~~immediately after the tax form has been submitted, thereby providing the~~  
~~user with the status of the tax form transmission to the government entity.~~

29. (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 28, and further  
comprising a code segment that receives a tax payment of the user by the government  
entity utilizing the network.

30. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 29, and further comprising a code segment that stores a receipt record of the tax payment in the database in communication with ~~[[of]] the government entity~~ tax service server, wherein the receipt record represents an indication that the payment has been submitted.

31. (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment that receives from the user a request for the receipt record of the tax payment utilizing the network.

32. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim ~~[[31]]~~ 28, and further comprising a code segment that ~~sends the receipt record of the tax payment to~~ permitting the user ~~utilizing the network~~ to access the electronic inbox upon the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

33. (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 28, wherein the network includes the Internet.

34. (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 28, and further comprising a code segment that formats the receipt record for being printed by the user.

35. (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 28, and further comprising a code segment that sends a notification relating to the receipt record to a mail server of the user utilizing the network.

36. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim ~~[[28]]~~ 32, wherein the authenticating an identity of the user includes validating a digital certificate and storing the digital certificate ~~is stored~~ on the client computer.

37-45. (Canceled)

46. (Withdrawn) A method for a tax service framework comprising the steps of:
- (a) allowing a user access to a tax service server utilizing a network;
  - (b) providing services via the tax service server selected from a group consisting of displaying mail to the user from a government entity, searching for a document of the user, and requesting a statement of an account of the user;
  - (c) filing at least one tax form of the user with the government entity utilizing the network;
  - (d) sending the user a receipt reflecting the filed tax forms utilizing the network;
  - (e) storing a record of the filed tax forms in a database of the government entity, wherein the record of the tax forms represents an indication that the tax forms have been submitted;
  - (f) receiving from the user a request for the record of the tax forms utilizing the network;
  - (g) authenticating a first identity of the user utilizing the network, wherein the first identity is authenticated by requesting a password and a digital certificate from the user and validating the password and the digital certificate as belonging to the user; and
  - (h) sending the record of the tax forms to the user utilizing the network upon the successful authentication of the first identity of the user.

47. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the step of filing includes:

- (a) permitting access to the tax service server for the government entity in response to receiving a request from the user, wherein access to the tax service server for the government entity allows the user to comply with tax-related obligations of the government entity;
- (b) determining a second identity of the user based on the request, wherein the second identity includes a name and a tax identification number of the user;
- (c) displaying the tax forms with fields utilizing the network, wherein at least a portion of the fields are automatically filled based on the second identity of the user;
- (d) receiving data from the user for filling the fields not filled automatically utilizing the network; and
- (e) sending the tax forms to the government entity utilizing the network.

48. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 47, wherein the step of sending the tax forms to the government entity includes attaching an encoded digital certificate, the encoded digital certificate for verifying the second identity of the user of the tax service server.

49. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 48, further comprising the step of receiving confirmation of receipt of the tax forms sent to the government entity, wherein the confirmation is received after the encoded digital certificate is decoded to verify the second identity of the user and authorize the user as a valid user.



50. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of sending a request to a third party financial entity to transfer funds utilizing a network.
51. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 50, further comprising the step of prompting the user to enter a quantity of tax amount to be paid, wherein the transferred funds equal the entered quantity.
52. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the services are provided via a single graphic user interface.
53. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the user is allowed access to the tax service server only after authentication of the digital certificate.
54. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the digital certificate is stored on a computer of the user.
55. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of receiving a tax payment of the user by the government entity utilizing the network.
56. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 55, further comprising the step of storing a record of the tax payment in the database of the government entity, wherein the record of the tax payment represents an indication that the payment has been submitted.
57. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 56, further comprising the step of receiving from the user a request for the record of the tax payment utilizing the network.

58. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 57, further comprising the step of sending the record of the tax payment to the user utilizing the network upon successful authentication of the first identity of the user.

59. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of allowing the user to print the receipt.

60. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of formatting the record of the tax forms for being printed by the user.

61. (Withdrawn) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for a tax service framework comprising:

- (a) a code segment that allows a user access to a tax service server utilizing a network;
- (b) a code segment that provides services via the tax service server selected from the group consisting of displaying mail to the user from a government entity, searching for a document of the user, and requesting a statement of an account of the user;
- (c) a code segment that files at least one tax form of the user with the government entity utilizing the network;
- (d) a code segment that sends the user a receipt reflecting the filed tax forms utilizing the network;
- (e) a code segment that stores a record of the filed tax form in a database of the government entity, wherein the record of the tax forms represents an indication that the tax forms have been submitted;

- (f) a code segment that receives from the user a request for the record of the tax forms utilizing the network;
  - (g) a code segment that authenticates a first identity of the user utilizing the network, wherein the first identity is authenticated by requesting a password and a digital certificate from the user and validating the password and the digital certificate as belonging to the user; and
  - (h) a code segment that sends the record of the tax forms to the user utilizing the network upon the successful authentication of the first identity of the user.
62. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, wherein the code segment that files at least one tax form includes:
- (a) a code segment that permits access to a tax service server for the government entity in response to receiving a request from a user, wherein access to the tax service server for the government entity allows the user to comply with tax-related obligations of the government entity;
  - (b) a code segment that determines a second identity of the user based on the request, wherein the second identity includes a name and a tax identification number of the user;
  - (c) a code segment that displays the tax forms with fields utilizing the network, wherein at least a portion of the fields are filled based on the second identity of the user;
  - (d) a code segment that receives data from the user for filling the fields not filled automatically utilizing the network; and

- (e) a code segment that sends the tax forms to the government entity utilizing the network.

63. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 62, wherein the code segment that sends the tax forms to the government entity includes a code segment that attaches an encoded digital certificate, the encoded digital certificate for verifying the second identity of the user of the tax service server.

64. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 63, further comprising a code segment that receives confirmation of receipt of the tax forms sent to the government entity, wherein the confirmation is received after the encoded digital certificate is decoded to verify the second identity of the user and authorize the user as a valid user.

65. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 64, further comprising a code segment that sends a request to a third party financial entity to transfer funds utilizing a network.

66. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 65, further comprising a code segment that prompts the user to enter a quantity of tax amount to be paid, wherein the transferred funds equal the entered quantity.

67. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, wherein the services are provided via a single graphic user interface.

68. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, wherein the user is allowed access to the tax service server only after authentication of the digital certificate.
69. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, wherein the digital certificate is stored on a computer of the user.
70. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, further comprising a code segment that receives a tax payment of the user by the government entity utilizing the network.
71. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 70, further comprising a code segment that stores a record of the tax payment in the database of the government entity, wherein the record of the tax payment represents an indication that the payment has been submitted.
72. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 71, further comprising a code segment that receives from the user a request for the record of the tax payment utilizing the network.
73. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 72, further comprising a code segment that sends the record of the tax payment to the user utilizing the network upon successful authentication of the first identity of the user.
74. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, further comprising a code segment that allows the user to print the receipt.

75. (Withdrawn) A computer program as recited in claim 61, further comprising a code segment that formats the record of the tax forms for being printed by the user.

76. (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 19, further comprising:  
receiving from the user a request for the receipt record of the filed tax form to verify the filing of the completed selected tax form utilizing the network, wherein the request is transmitted across the network from [[the]] a client computer to the government entity; and

authenticating an identity of the user utilizing the network to request the receipt record, wherein the identity is authenticated by requesting a password and a digital certificate from the user and validating the password and the digital certificates as belonging to the user;

wherein the receipt record of the filed tax form is sent to the user across the network to the client computer subsequent to the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

77. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 19, wherein the tax form and the receipt record of the filed tax form are presented to the user through a website provided by the government entity.

78. (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 19, further comprising displaying the receipt record of the filed tax form to the user immediately after the tax form has been submitted, thereby providing the user with the status of the tax form transmission to the government entity, wherein displaying the receipt record further

includes displaying payment information and a unique receipt identifier for the tax form submitted to the government entity.

79. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in Claim 28, further comprising:

a code segment that receives from the user a request for the receipt record of the filed tax form to verify the filing of the completed selected tax form utilizing the network, wherein the request is transmitted across the network from ~~[[the]]~~ a client computer to the government entity; and

a code segment that authenticates an identity of the user utilizing the network to request the receipt record, wherein the identity is authenticated by requesting a password and a digital certificate from the user and validating the password and the digital certificates as belonging to the user;

wherein the receipt record of the filed tax form is sent to the user across the network to the client computer subsequent to the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

80. (Previously Presented) A computer program as recited in Claim 28, wherein the tax form and the receipt record of the filed tax form are presented to the user through a website provided by the government entity.

81. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in Claim 28, further comprising a code segment that displays the receipt record of the filed tax form to the user immediately after the tax form has been submitted, thereby providing the user with the status of the tax form transmission to the government entity, wherein the display of

the receipt record further includes a display of payment information and a unique receipt identifier for the tax form submitted to the government entity.